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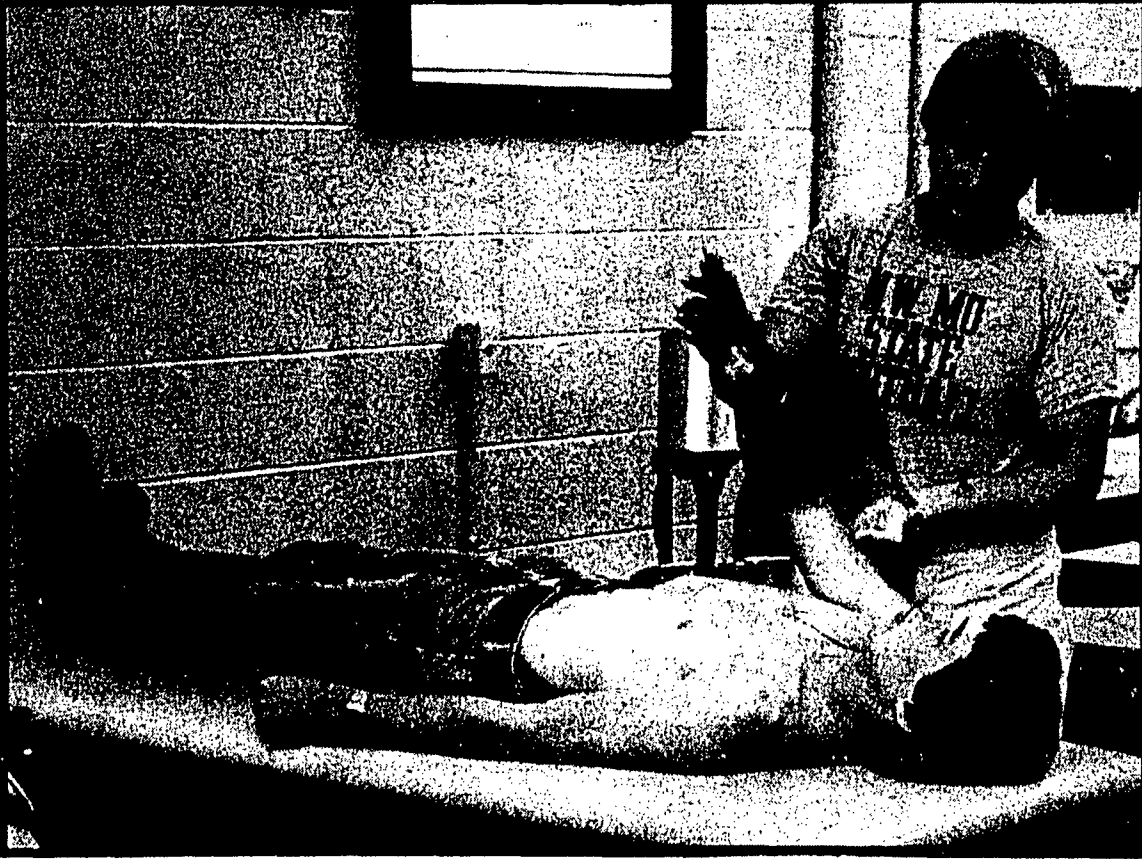
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No parking on College Avenue

There will be no parking on College Avenue Oct. 14. All cars must be moved by 8:30 a.m. or they will be towed away to clear the Homecoming parade route.

TRYOUTS SET FOR BASKETBALL TEAMS

Open tryouts for the 1978-79 men's varsity and junior varsity basketball teams will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 17 and 18, in Lamkin Gym, beginning at 7 p.m.

Students planning to try out should contact Coach Larry Holley or Coach Len Orr in Room 105, Lamkin Gym, before tryouts begin.

ALUMNI SUBSCRIPTIONS CANCELED

Rising newspaper costs are forcing lifetime Missourian subscriptions received through the Alumni Association to be canceled immediately. The cost of mailing 1,700 issues each week continues to rise as postage costs climb.

Besides rising postage costs newsprint has increased \$25 per ton this month. Film, paper, plates and negatives have also risen in price, forcing the change in Alumni Association subscription policy.

Members can still receive subscriptions for \$5 per year. Lifetime subscribers will not be affected by the cut.

LAST DAY TO DROP/ADD

The last day to drop or add a class to a student's schedule is Friday, Oct. 13.

VICTORY bell signals Walkout Day

Friday's Walkout Day at NWMSU will be signalled by the 8 a.m. ringing of the Victory Bell on campus by Dr. Owens, president of the University, and Darrell Zellers, student body president.

They will ring the Victory Bell, a gift from the class of 1948, to notify students and faculty that classes on Friday will not be held.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR GRAND OPENING

As part of the grand opening celebration of the den, Bob Walkenhorst, Chris Sheil, and the NWMSU Jazz Band will perform at 8:00 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13. Admission is free.

DEBATERS PLACE IN WEEKEND TOURNAMENTS

The debate and forensics squad competed at two tournaments last weekend, the Sunflower Debate Tournament at Johnson County Community College and a tournament at Creighton University.

At Johnson County, NWMSU took third in overall competition out of 24 teams and Bruce Williamson took third speaker in individual competition and Gregg Turner took seventh speaker in individual competition out of 48 speakers at the Sunflower Tournament. At Creighton, Scott Kilpatrick and Mike Wolf placed second in junior varsity on the strength of a 3-0 record.

NWMSU's newly-formed individual events team attended their first tournament at Creighton. Paul Crotty took first in prose interpretation; Susan Kavanaugh and Diane Dukes, first in poetry interpretation; Kavanaugh, third in dramatic interpretation; and Kathy Fountain was a finalist in prose interpretation. The debaters will travel to Kansas State University this weekend.



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MEETING TO BE HELD FOR MD DANCE MARATHON

Millikan Hall residents will sponsor a dance marathon for muscular dystrophy, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 17 and continuing for 25 hours.

A meeting will be held for all interested dancers at 5:30 p.m., Oct. 18, in the Horace Mann Auditorium.

All persons interested in participating in the marathon may obtain an entry form from the information booth in the Union and return it by Oct. 16. For further information, contact co-chairmen Kathy Adkins in 704 Millikan or Sarah Sheets, 703 Millikan at ext. 1436.

WOMEN'S CONCERN GROUP TO MEET

The Women's Concern Group will have its first meeting Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 8 p.m. in the Sycamore Room of the Union.

Ag. Club to sponsor BARNWARMING

Get on your dancin' boots and grab your best gal or guy and get ready for the Agriculture Club sponsored Barnwarming. The date has been set for Oct. 25 at the Community Building by the Rankin Airport, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. This is going to be a foot stompin', knee slappin', rafter rattlin', dust raisin' Barndance, so set this evening aside and come on out! Tickets are \$1.50 a single, \$2.50 per couple. At the door, tickets are \$2.00, single; \$3.00, a couple.

PICTURES TO BE RETAKEN

All seniors who want to have pictures retaken for the yearbook should make an appointment before Oct. 20 at McCracken Hall, ext. 1224.

Pictures will be taken Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1. Organization pictures will also be retaken at this time.

Pictures will be taken on a limited basis, so students should make their appointments immediately.

SNOWDEN TO SPEAK ON CAMPUS

State Senator Philip Snowden, will be a guest speaker at NWMSU on Oct. 17. Senator Snowden, Democratic nominee in the November election against Sixth District Congressman Tom Coleman, will speak at 2:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

His speech is sponsored by the University's Center for Public Administration and Public Affairs (CPAPA).

Coleman will be on campus this fall for a speaking engagement sponsored by the CPAPA.

AGRICULTURE JUDGING CONTEST ON CAMPUS

The University will host students from at least 20 Northwest Missouri high schools in the annual Agriculture Judging Contest on Oct. 18.

The students will compete in livestock, dairy cattle and soil judging contests and weed and seed identification.

NWMSU professors and faculty will direct the divisions, with the Soil Conservation Club and Agriculture Club assisting in the contest.

Spring PRE-REGISTRATION SLATED

Schedules of classes for the 1979 spring semester will be available Oct. 23 through Nov. 17 in the Director's Office and the Union. Advisement sheets and card pulling appointments will be available at this time in the Registrar's Office, room 222, Administration Building.

A \$25 pre-registration fee must be paid at this time at the Cashier's Office in the Administration Building.

Academic advisement will be offered by appointment Oct. 30 through Nov. 17 in the advisor's office. Class cards will be pulled in conjunction with the advisement by appointment date and time in the Upper West Cafeteria in the Union from 1-3 p.m.

Wildlife Federation SETS DEADLINE

The National Wildlife Federation has set a deadline of December 31, 1978, for applications from graduate students for its 1979-80 Environmental Conservation Fellowships.

For information, including a list of priority topics, and application forms, write the Executive Vice President, National Wildlife Federation, 1412 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

CAMPUS LOST AND FOUND

The campus lost-and-found is located in the Security Office. All lost-and-found items are held for at least 90 days, with all unclaimed items sold at the annual University auction.

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Piper reigns as Homecoming queen

Diann Piper was crowned the 1978 Homecoming Queen at the Oct. 11 Variety Show.

She is a vocational home economics education major and a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority. Her candidacy was sponsored by Delta Chi Fraternity.

As Homecoming Queen, Diann will reign over such activities as the Homecoming parade, Alumni luncheon, football game and Homecoming Dance.

She was one of 19 candidates, one from each organization participating in Homecoming. Each candidate must have at least 15 hours of credit at NWMSU, with at least a 2.5 grade point average.

Each candidate was judged on her personality, poise, appearance and participation in community activities.

The five finalists, chosen by the judges, campaigned for votes before a student election on Oct. 10.

Piper is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Piper of King City, Mo.



Diann Piper, 1978 Homecoming Queen

Homecoming events

Friday, October 13

Golden Variety Show, 7 p.m. Charles Johnson Theatre

Anniversary Reunion of the class of 1928, noon banquet, J.W. Jones Union

Saturday, October 14

NW Missouri-SW Iowa Alumni Chapter Breakfast, 8 a.m., High Rise Cafeteria

Parade through downtown Maryville, 9:30 a.m.

Alumni Luncheon, Union Ballroom, 11 a.m.

NWMSU vs. Southwest Missouri State football game, Rickenbrode Stadium, 2 p.m.

M-Club and Booster Club sponsored reception, National Guard Armory, 5-7 p.m.

Alumni party, National Guard Armory 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Student dance, Lamkin Gymnasium 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

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Alumni return for memories

Reviving old memories, renewing old friendships and reliving college days, approximately 7,000 alumni will return to NWMSU for Homecoming this weekend.

"The primary reason they return is to see old friends and renew ties with the University," said Vinnie Vaccaro, executive secretary of the Alumni Association and NWMSU graduate.

"I haven't been back for three years and I just want to see everybody," said Ed Douglas, Chillicothe, Mo.

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"I come back to see the people and also the parade, the game, and for the

activities," said Mitchell Hanna, Maryville.

Alumni homecoming activities include the Golden Anniversary Banquet today in the Blue Room of the Student Union, honoring the class of 1928; the Northwest Missouri/Southwest Iowa Alumni Breakfast, 8 a.m. Saturday in the high rise cafeteria; the Alumni Luncheon 11 a.m. Saturday in the J.W. Jones Union Ballroom; and the Alumni Party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday in the National

Guard Armory. Fraternities and sororities are also holding various alumni functions.

Despite all the alumni activities, Vaccaro still believes friends are the main reason graduates return.

"The best homecomings we've had have been the ones where we've found our closest friends here," said Vaccaro. "One person you haven't seen for awhile can really make a difference."

Dean Johnson, 1928 class president said, "I'm just coming back to see the old grads."

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European styling highlights Union

Grand Opening ceremonies for newly remodeled areas of the Student Union are scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday as part of the 1978 Homecoming celebration.

Everyone is invited to attend the ceremonies in the remodeled Spanish Den on the first floor of the Union. President B.D. Owens, Student Development Vice President Dr. John Mees and Union Director Marvin Silliman will officiate.

A tribute to Northwest Missouri's heritage is carried out in the decor, which depicts the periods of Spanish and French rule and the era of early American settlers to the area.

Construction crews headed by George Kiser, interior decorator Kay Pratt, and Technical Services Director Steve Easton have combined efforts in remodeling the Union.

The early American Snack Bar has been refurnished with Village Oak tables and chairs and chandeliers of clouded white glass accented by brass chains.

To accentuate the days of the Missouri settler, the floor has been covered with red brick tile, and on the walls are a few pieces from the University collection of agricultural artifacts.

The Spanish Den has a floor of red and brown Spanish tile, and new parquet dance floor and a band-stand carpeted in dark red with ivory walls. The woodwork, doors, tables and chairs are of Spanish Oak. A long wall of the Spanish Den will be decorated by a mural painted by the winner of student competition now in progress.

The modern French Ballroom and adjacent student lounge will be utilized for the first time Saturday when the Homecoming Alumni Luncheon is held. The Ballroom has been decorated with new carpeting in shades of blues, golds and rust which surround a parquet dance floor.

A 52-inch polished brass chandelier in the center of the room is surrounded by four smaller chandeliers.

The adjoining lounge has the same carpeting and draperies as the Ballroom. Furniture in the lounge is French grey wood, upholstered in rusts and French blue. Chandeliers are of blue-grey glass globes, accented with brass.

Funding for this initial portion of the renovation and re-decoration of the Union is provided through the University's housing budget, a budget not involving legislative appropriations.

Off-campus students elect new senators

Julie Anne Goodman and Vince Evola were elected Tuesday as the two new off-campus Student Student representatives.

A total of 187 votes were cast which accounts for approximately 13 percent of the 1,394 off-campus students, which according to Darrel Zellers is a "rather good turnout" for such an election.

Goodman was first with 103 votes and Evola came in second with 69 votes. Other candidates were Jerry Fish, Alan Nichlos, Tom Mussalem, Greg Sossa and Calvin Barrat.

"It's real encouraging that more votes were cast in this election than in the regular spring election," said Dave Hunt,

off-campus representative. "There were some good people running, so it's not surprising that the turnout was big."

The election follows the resignation of both Tom Perry and Beth Mackey as off-campus representatives and discussion concerning the definition of the full-time equivalency factor.

Controversy on the subject began in September when a question was raised about the actual number of off-campus students there were and how much representation they needed. With the two new senators, there are now four off-campus representatives.

Goodman believes the off-campus student needs more of a voice in Senate.

"I would like to see more students become involved in student government," said Goodman.

The main issue which Goodman believes faces the off-campus student is the traffic situation.

"I think that off-campus students are not getting the fair end of the deal in the parking situation," she said. "There is too much emphasis on giving tickets and not enough on better parking."

With the off-campus senators now elected, Senate must choose a Graduate student representative. Applications for this position are due in the Senate office by Oct. 17.

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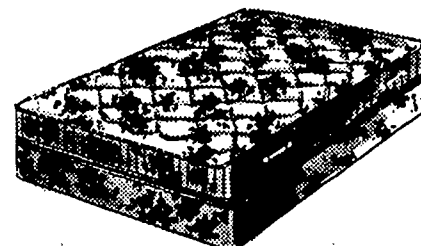
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Photo by Jim MacNeil

Sig Tau's dribble for United Way

NWMSU's chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma will attempt to turn an amateur sport into profit, as the members will sponsor a three-day "Dribble-a-Thon," beginning Oct. 19, with most of the proceeds to be donated to United Way.

The fraternity, with approximately 40 members participating, will attempt to dribble a basketball from the NWMSU Sig Tau house to the Tau house at Northeast Missouri State University Kirksville.

"We'll leave here Thursday," said Paul Neice, Sig Tau house manager. "We're going to dribble constantly, and we hope to reach Kirksville in time for the (Bearcat-Bulldog) football game Saturday afternoon."

The dribblers will begin their 200-mile journey, traveling south on Highway 71 to St. Joseph, where they will go across Interstate 36 to Macon. From there they will dribble south on Highway 63 to Kirksville.

"The highway patrol chose this route because they (the roads) are four-lane highways. So we won't cause any problems with traffic," said Neice.

Most of the money will be donated to the United Way, with the NWMSU Sig Taus receiving a percentage of the money for house improvements, according to Meng. The percentage will be decided after the "Dribble-a-Thon" has been completed.

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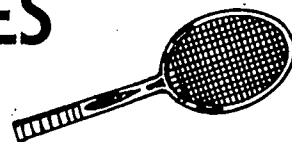
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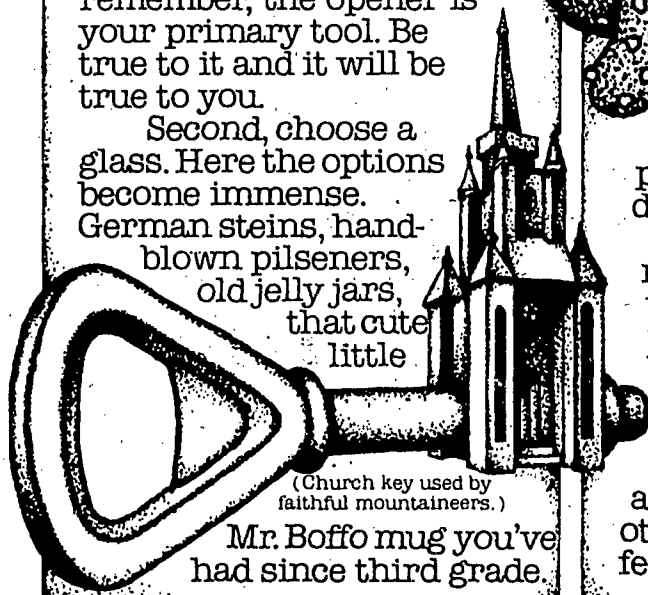


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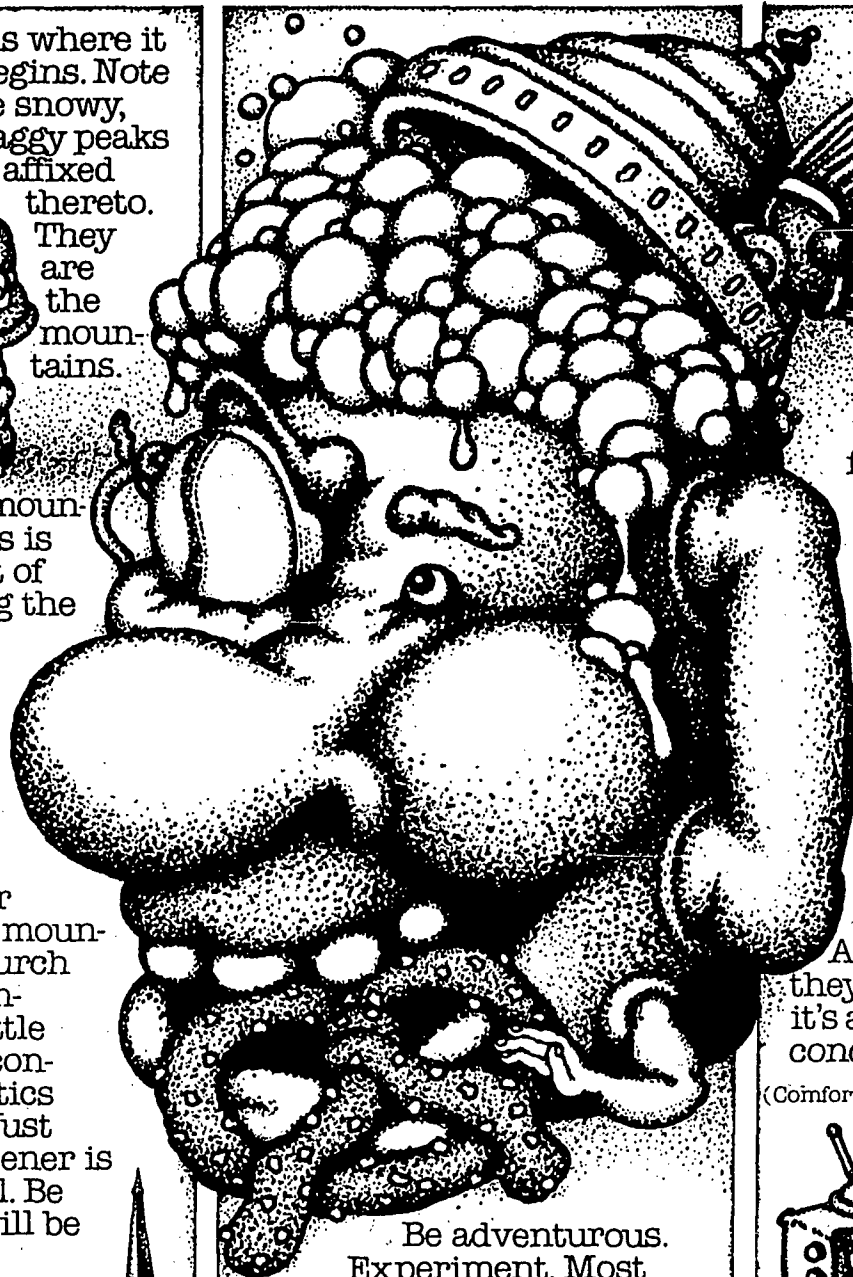
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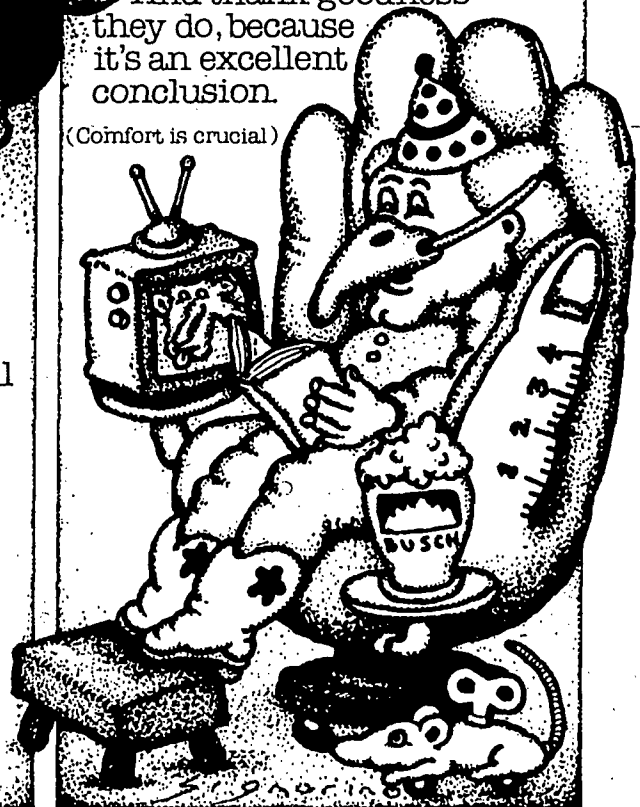
Be adventurous. Experiment. Most mountaineers have a personal preference. You'll develop one too.

Food is next. Proper mountaineering, not to mention proper nutrition, requires a smorgasbord selection of snacks. Some mountaineers have suffered from a potato chip deficiency, a pretzel imbalance or other serious dietary defects. Plan ahead.

Comfort is crucial. If you mountaineer in public, pick a padded bar stool, preferably one that spins (to facilitate admiring the scenery). At home, a comfortable chair or sofa will do. Rule of thumb: if it feels good, and the police don't seem to mind, do it.

Then turn on the tube or spin a tune or crack a good book. The choice is strictly between you and the dominant hemisphere of your brain. Of course, some mountaineers say the smooth, refreshing taste of Busch is entertainment enough. And thank goodness they do, because it's an excellent conclusion.

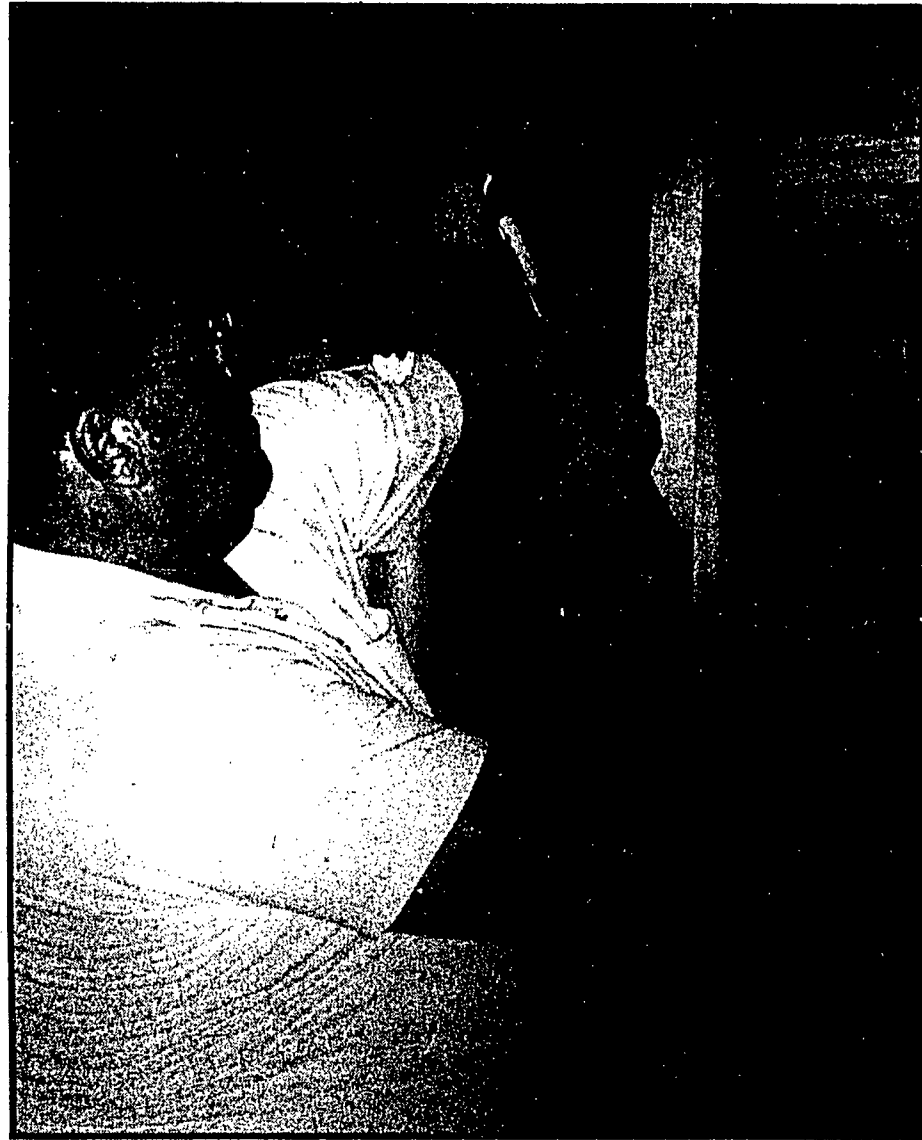
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'Before the parade passes by...'



Fathers of the Delta Zetas were responsible for much of their float's progress, on Dad's Day, Sept. 30.

Behind the chickenwire and colored tissue paper of the 1978 homecoming floats lie months of planning by members of many campus organizations.

After the campus homecoming committee, with representatives from each organization, chose the Dynamic Duo theme last spring, the Delta Zeta sorority immediately began making suggestions for their float's design.

"We finally agreed on the duo of Schroeder and Lucy," said Terri Clear, DZ float chairperson. "We started with just the two characters and the plans kept growing bigger until we ended up with four characters."

To guard against theme duplications, the DZ's and the other campus organizations submitted sketches of their floats to the homecoming committee before the Sept. 12 deadline.

After the plans were okayed by the committee, the DZ's went to work. Materials were ordered, blueprints were drawn and committees were appointed. A wagon bed, the float's skeleton, was located and the sorority made arrangements to build the float in the Nodaway County Community Building.

The 40 active members and 22 pledges kicked off their float construction by hosting the annual DZ Dad's on Sept. 30. Twenty-three DZ fathers met and helped their daughters build the main structure of the float.

A wooden figure shaped with chicken wire was constructed for each of the four characters--Lucy, Schroeder, Bobby Bearcat and the SMSU Bear. Schroeder's piano was also built and lined with chicken wire. The figures were then fastened to the wagon.

"We had quite a time getting Lucy and the Bearcat on the wagon. They were on a revolving board which was not level--but one of our dads fixed it," said Lisa Moss, a DZ active.

"Without our fathers' help, we would probably still be standing in the barn looking at an empty wagon bed. Their time and efforts were really valuable to us," said Paula Barbieri, who along with Clear heads the float committee.

By Oct. 1, the DZs were ready to begin the second and final construction step--gluing colored tissues (or poms) onto the shaped chicken wire. Pumping, a slow process, causes the float to have a three-dimensional look.

"This is the time when you need everyone out there working," said Clear. "You can't have only a handful of people pumping and expect to get very far."

"I liked pumping the float because I could see each part become a finished section," said Debbie Beemer, a pledge. "At first, most of us (pledges) just stood around the float while the actives worked. We didn't know what or how to do anything. I guess we'll just learn how to build a float by experience. Maybe by the time we're seniors, we'll be able to teach the new pledges how to do it."

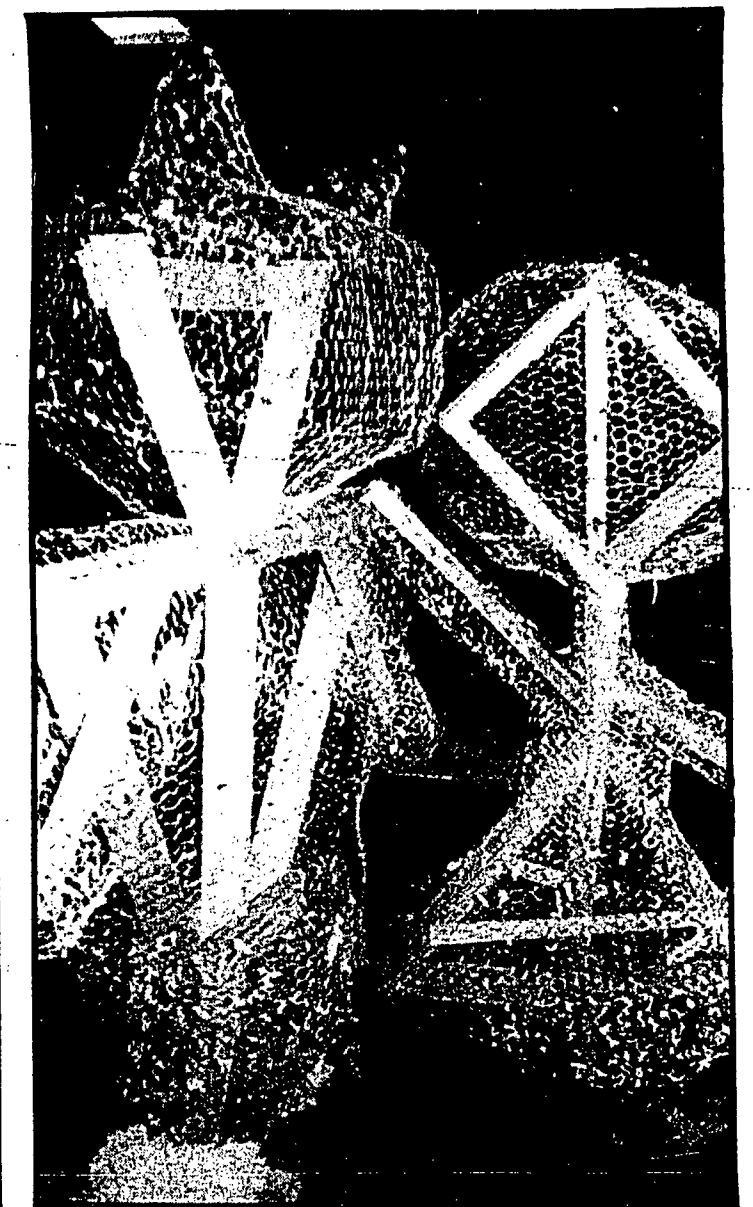
"Working on a float is a lot of fun," says active Diana Lickteig. "Homecoming wouldn't be anything without a parade."

The DZs have been pumping for over a week. All floats will be judged by a committee on Saturday morning.

Floats are made with more than just lumber and chicken wire. They're made with the enthusiasm of individuals who spend many hours working to provide homecoming spectators with a successful parade.



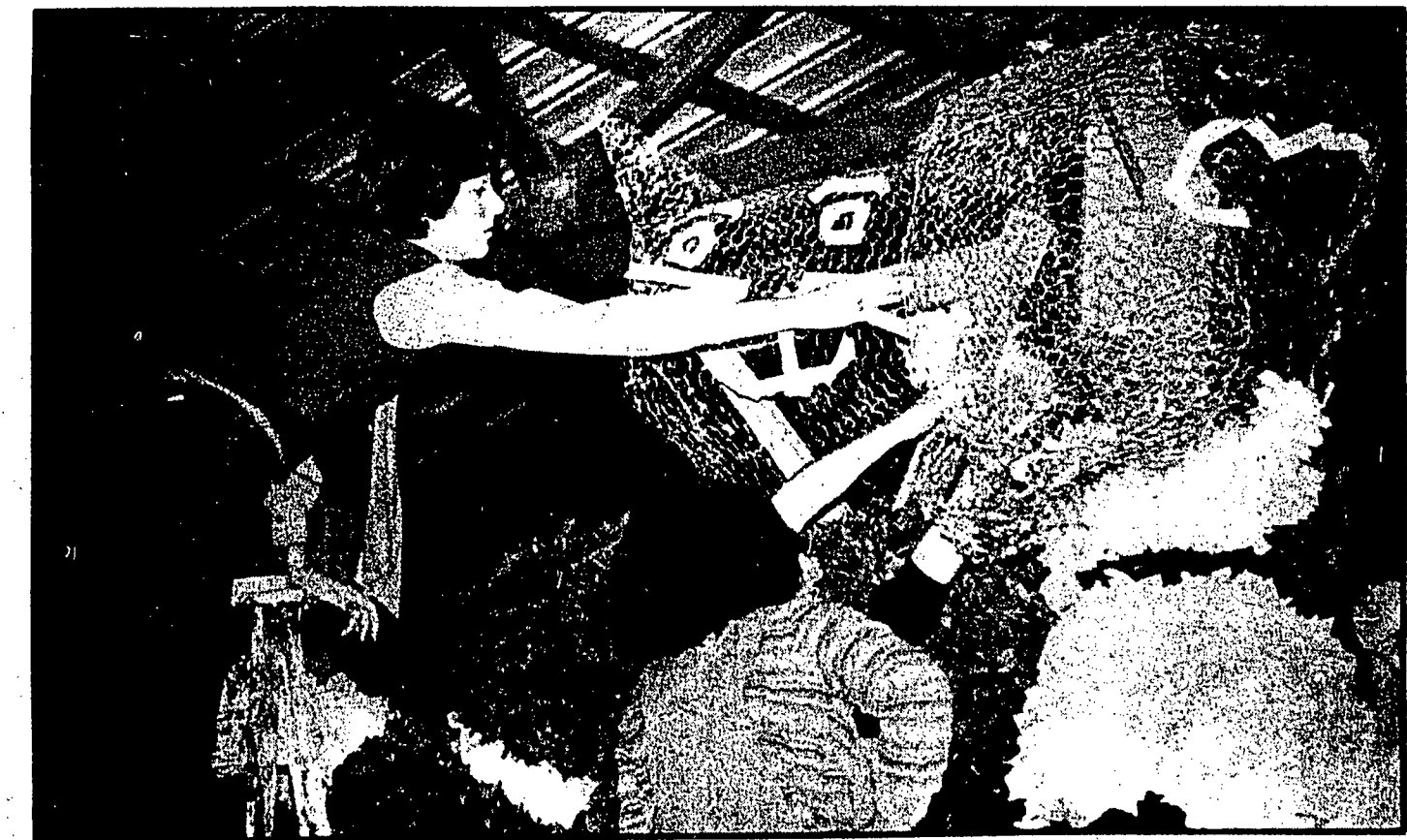
Wendy Taff, DZ active, begins shaping the chicken wire, an early step in the preparation of a float.



Lucy and Bobbie Bearcat begin to take shape as their frames have been built and chicken wire formed around them.



As the Delta Zeta float nears completion, finishing touches will be made in time for the parade on Saturday.



As the float nears completion, Doreen Dettman and other DZ's pump Lucy and Bibble Bearcat's heads.

Centerspread by Suzie Zillner
and Jodee Meinert

A time a tradition a parade

In Review

Styx worth the price

by Jeff Combs

It's been a year since we've heard from Styx, but it's been worth the wait.

Pieces of Eight, the newest release from this midwestern based group follows the same success formula that carried their last L.P., **The Grand Illusion**, to the top of the music charts.

This album uses the traditional synthesizers, soaring guitars and the excellent lead of Jimmy Young to bring out the highlights, while the vivid lyrics make a commentary on the human condition. The song "I'm O.K." uses a pipe organ,

recorded at the St. James Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois to add a special effect that has never shown up on previous Styx L.P.s.

Pieces of Eight contains several fast-paced songs such as "The Great White Hope," "Renegade," "Blue Collar Man" and "Queen of Spades" that typify Styx's brand of driving rock and roll.

With escalating album prices soaring to an unbelievable \$7.98, the college student has to be picky about the records he or she buys. **Pieces of Eight** is an album that is well worth the price.

The clash of cymbals and the roar of hundreds of thunderous brass instruments. The smile and wave of a pretty girl and the antics of a clown. The bright colors of a float and the politician in an open limousine.

We all love a parade.

On Oct. 14, NWMSU will continue a tradition. Starting at 9:30 a.m., an hour-long parade containing 130 units will begin Saturday's Homecoming festivities.

The parade will start on College Avenue near the Fine Arts Building, move east of Fourth Street to Market Street, turn south on Market to Third Street and then head back to campus on Third Street.

The 130 units of the parade will be the Marching Bearcat Band, 27 high school bands, 4 floats, jalopies, clown units, Bearcat cheerleaders, the Homecoming queen and her court and some miscellaneous entries.

The 14 floats will display the "Dynamic Duo" theme.

Floats representing the Greek men will be Road Runner and Wiley Coyote, Alpha Kappa Lambda; Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Tau Kappa Epsilon; Underdog and Sweet Polly, Delta Chi; Starsky and Hutch, Phi Sigma Epsilon; and Bonnie and Clyde, Sigma Tau Gamma.

From the Greek women, the floats will be Lucy and Schroeder, Delta Zeta; Jack and Jill, Sigma Sigma Sigma; Popeye and Olive Oyl, Alpha Sigma Alpha; and Sylvester and Tweetie Pie, Phi Mu.

The Independent floats will be Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn, Franken Hall; Yogi and Boo Boo, Hudson Hall; C3P0 and R2D2, Industrial Arts Club; Wright Brothers, Phillips Hall; and Cookie Monster and Big Bird, Sigma Society.

'City to City' mellow treat

by Carole Patterson

If Gerry Rafferty's **City to City** had been released 10 years ago, I would call it "a classic," but considering its youth, I'll settle for "a masterpiece."

Rafferty outdoes himself on song after song, including chart-toppers "Baker Street" and "Right Down the Line."

But **City to City** isn't one of "those" albums that release the only decent songs on an otherwise mediocre LP. On the contrary, nearly every cut is a "Baker Street" in its own right.

"Mattie's Rag" stands out as a strong,

funky ballad, balanced by "Stealin' classic," an equally strong, yet mellow tune.

The only ounce of criticism I can muster for **City to City** is toward the cover,

dubiously painted by John Patrick Byrne. Neon script over scarf-clad, guitar-playing,

cloud-sprawling Rafferty just doesn't do justice to the jacket's contents.

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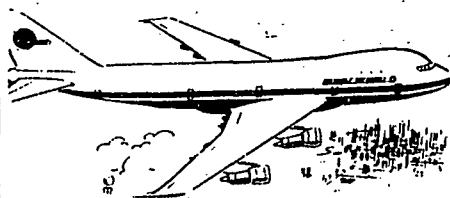
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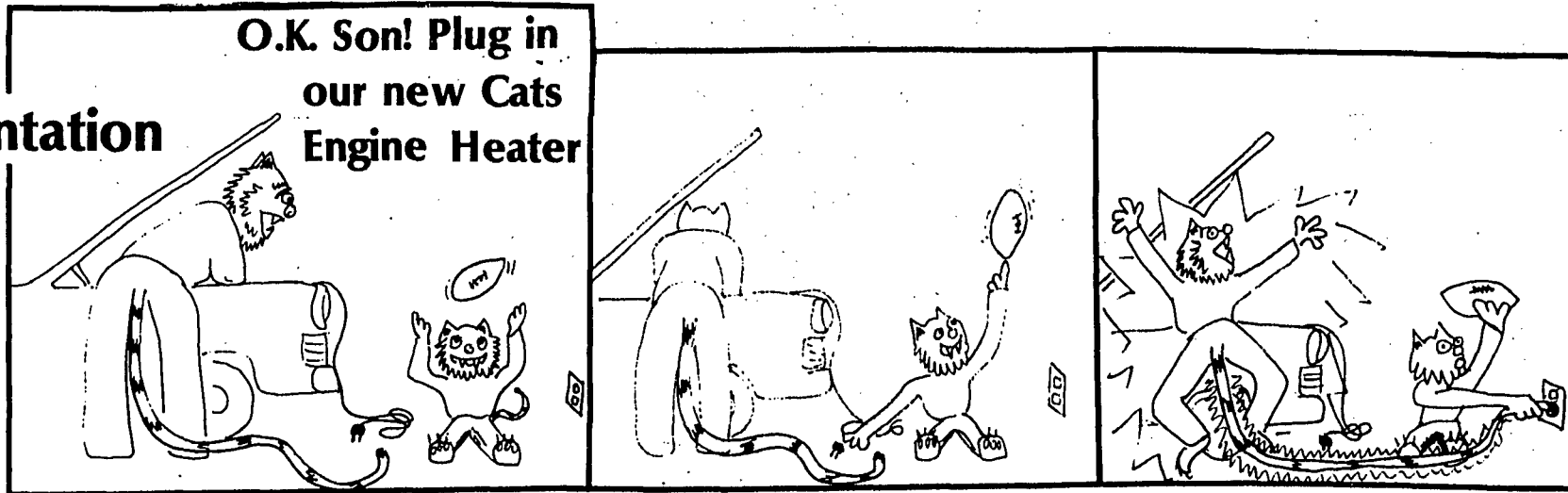
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Montgomery runs for competition

by Ben Holder

Dave Montgomery, Bearcat cross country runner, runs because he likes the competition.

Competition was more than 3,000 strong last year when he participated in the Boston Marathon-- a well-known and highly publicized race epic.

Placing 425th in the race, Montgomery believes it was "a good experience and a lot of fun."

"It's really the only time running is a big spectator sport," he said.

Montgomery transferred here after two years attendance at Michigan's Oakland Community College.

Since coming here Montgomery has placed his name on two 'Cat track records: The 10,000 meter and six-mile run. This is his first year on the 'Cat cross country squad. He did participate in outdoor track last spring.

So far in 1978, he has advanced to running second man and has turned in two stellar performances during the '78 campaign. In a dual against William Jewell College, he garnered a third place finish with a time of 21:37. He came back the next week to wind up fourth in the highly competitive Nebraska-Wesleyan Invitational with an improved time of 20:17.

Cross country competition requires intense mental preparation. That preparation varies from runner to runner. Montgomery has formulated his own style of readying himself for a meet.

"I try to set my goal and be as positive as I can. I don't get hyped," he said.

Once the race begins, it transforms into a four-mile chess match, requiring physical and mental strategies.

"I just concentrate on relaxing my body. I concentrate on all my body parts and make sure they are all right. I also try to concentrate on where I'm at in the race," he explained.

Montgomery still believes he has some considerable maturing to do. He plans to compete again next year. After his eligibility expires, running ways are definitely in his future plans.

"Most distance runners don't peak until they're 30 years old," he said. "I have eight or nine years of running left."

"My goal is the Olympic trials in the marathon run. I would like to get into road racing, too."

During the off season, much of his time is taken up with road racing.

Why does he run?

"I run mainly for the self fulfillment and the chance to compete. It's a good chance to travel, too," he said.

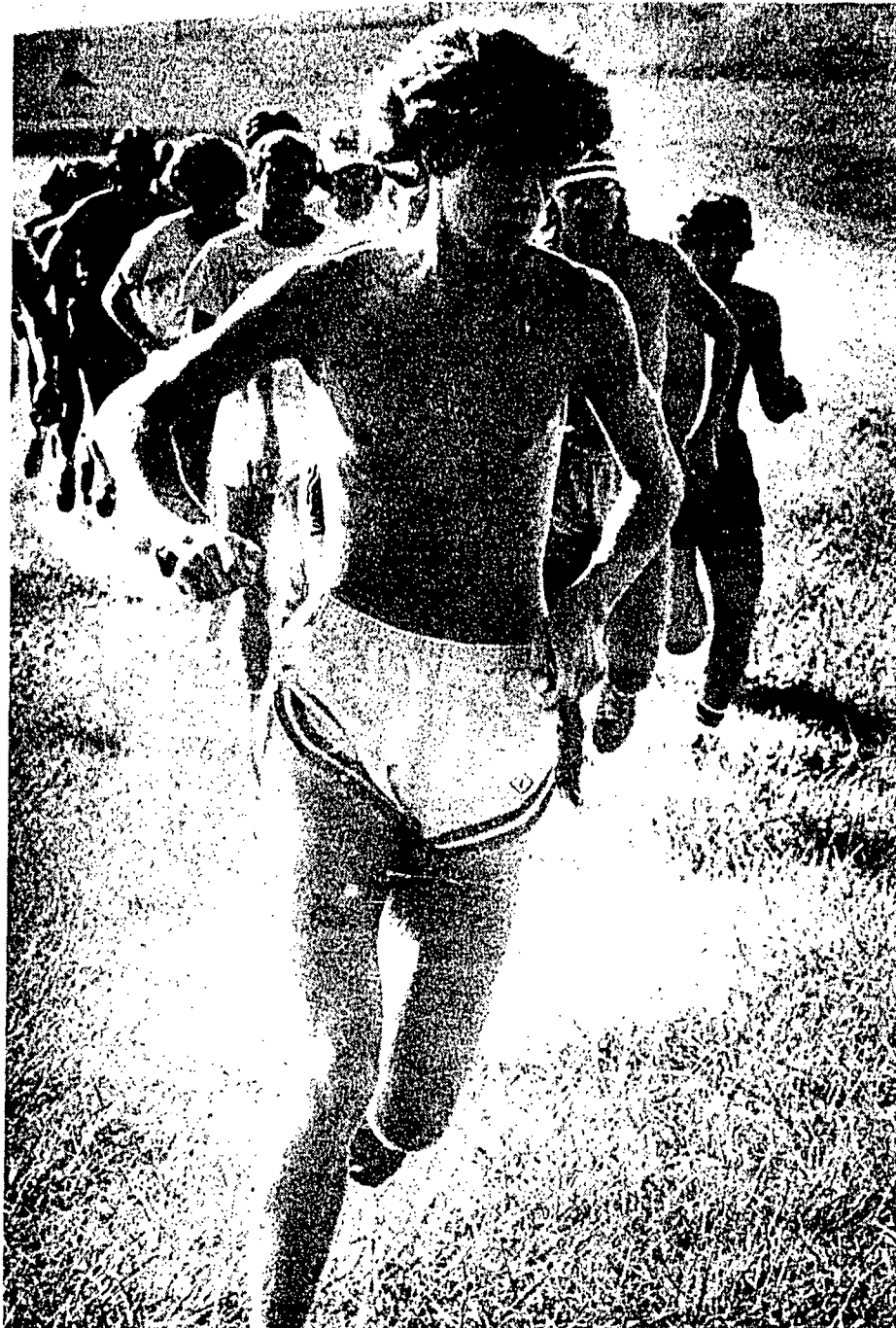


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Dave Montgomery leads the pack during a practice session on the Nodaway Lake course. Montgomery, who has competed in the Boston Marathon, is currently second man on the Bearcat cross country squad.

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'Kittens fall twice



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Despite play like this the volleyball Bearkittens lost twice last Tuesday night. The 'Kittens lost to Nebraska-Omaha 15-11, 17-15 and fell to Johnson County Community College 15-1, 15-17 and 15-14. This evens the 'Kittens record at 16-16-1. This Friday they will host William Jewell in a 3:30 Homecoming match.

Mules kick 'Cats

Bearcats try, try again

Still searching for their first win, the Bearcats will entertain Southwest Missouri State Saturday for Homecoming.

Southwest amassed over 600 yards total offense in each of their last two outings. Last week they defeated Lincoln 68-17.

"Southwest is a very dynamic football team," said Coach Redd. "Homecoming is a big game for the guys. I look for a good game from our people."

The Bearcats suffered their sixth straight loss last Saturday where they dropped a 31-7 game against Central Missouri State. The game, ending a seven-game victory string by the Bearcats over the Mules, was the first win of the season for CMSU.

CMSU scored first on a 25 yard field goal just as the second period began. About two minutes later, Kirk Mathews hit Dave Eddy on a touchdown, scoring a screen pass that covered 81 yards, the longest from scrimmage this season in the MIAA. Shawn Geraghty's extra point was good and the 'Cats had a 7-3 lead.

A fumble on a punt return set up CMSU's next touchdown. Bill Foster, Mule quarterback, hit Gary Bell on a 33-yard pass, the extra point try was good and the Mules had a 10-7 edge.

The next touchdown that "hurt us tremendously," according to Redd, was scored with just nineteen seconds to go in the half. CMSU went on to score twice more in the second half and was successful in holding the 'Cats in check the rest of the afternoon.

Leading the league in passing this season, Foster showed his talent against the young secondary of the Bearcats, hitting on 12 of 16 passes for 198 yards and three touchdowns.

Ted Goudge and Rick Tate turned in good performances at their linebacker positions. Goudge was in on 15 tackles and Tate, on 11. Al Cade and Jeff Wehmer also had respectable outings, with nine and seven tackles respectively.

"Jeff looks very promising at the noseguard position," said Redd.

Without a senior in the lineup, the young defense is improving every game.

"We just have to stick with what we believe in and not panic," said Redd.

The 'Cats had their best day offensively, gaining 293 total yards. Turnovers prevented more of a punch from the offensive unit. They had two fumbles and four pass interceptions.

Dave Eddy will miss this week's contest because of a rib injury suffered in Saturday's game. Eddy caught one pass for 81 yards and a touchdown and rushed for 52 yards. Dan Montgomery had his

best day this season gaining 70 yards on 16 carries.

"We moved the ball better than we had all year, we just couldn't put points on the board," Redd said.

ON THE SIDELINES

by Dave Gleseke

The winning tradition is coming back.

After placing sixth in last year's MAIAW cross country championships, the Bearkitten team is trying to regain their powerhouse status. For three straight years they won the MAIAW championships.

The 'Kittens continued their fine season last Saturday with a solid victory over Northeast Missouri State and William Woods. But what is even more impressive is that the team is winning with freshmen; not just one, but five.

In Saturday's triangular Sheryl Kiburz crossed the finish line first with three freshmen teammates right behind her. With Kiburz getting help from Toni Mohr, Vicki Godon and Jill Eberly, the 'Kittens easily outdistanced their two opponents.

The fifth freshman, Roberta Darr, was sidelined for the meet.

After inheriting a program with no experienced runners last year, Coach Laurie Meyers has started to build the 'Kittens back into a powerhouse. At the beginning of the year it looked like a long season because not one letter winner was returning. But somehow everything has jellied.

Meyers and the freshmen have a long way to go but they could place high in the MAIAW championships held later this month. This, and time will only tell if they will once again sit on top of the women's cross country world.

Mascots: On the spirit prowl

by Doug Geer

This Saturday at the Homecoming game you will see two young ladies prowling up and down the sidelines and roaming in the stands cheering on the Bearcats.

Linda Hernandez and Deb Irak are the football team mascots, Bobby Bearcat and Roberta Bearkitten. Every home game these two juniors dress up in Bearcat costumes, walking up and down the sidelines with the cheerleaders firing up the crowd.

Hernandez has done this sort of thing in the past but not quite to this extent.

"I was on the pom-pom squad, and also a cheerleader and a twirler," she said. "I always wanted to do something like this because it is fun."

Irak does it because she wants to help the team.

"I am from a high school where spirit was the big thing," she said. "I would like to see this school become the way our school was and this may also help the team. Even though I didn't do this in high school I wanted to become more involved in sports."

The position of the team mascot became open when Steve Scroggins resigned last year.

"Steve Scroggins resigned so the position was open. Try outs for cheerleaders were last spring," said Hernandez, "but I failed so I tried out for Bobby Bearcat."

Vinnie Vaccaro, executive secretary of the Alumni Association wanted two mascots this year so this developed the opening for a Roberta Bearkitten. This also gave Irak the opportunity to become a mascot.

"I talked to Shelly Sommers, head of the cheerleaders and she got me interested," Irak said. "Vinnie Vaccaro who I knew in high school, also got me interested. He told me there might be a position open so I thought I would try it."

After the girls were named mascots they each had to decide what their main purpose was. Irak felt it was their duty to get the fans fired up.

"As mascots, we go up into the crowd to get them fired up and enthused. We try to get everyone involved," she said.

Hernandez felt the same way about their responsibilities.

"We are there to arouse the crowd," she stated. "It is up to us and the cheerleaders to get the fans to cheer on the team."

What happens when the crowd does not always react to the mascots or the cheerleaders?

"When the crowd doesn't respond to us



Photo by Jim MacNeil

During the Fort Hays game Linda Hernandez leads the crowd in a cheer. Hernandez, along with the other mascot Deb Irak, will again be leading the crowd during the Homecoming game this Saturday.

we never give up," Hernandez said. "We get more excited and try harder and yell louder."

"Every once in a while we get discouraged," Irak said, "but you turn the other way and try crazy things. This is when we bring out the 'funky chicken' cheer."

"You have got to be really dingy to make a fool of yourself to get the crowd going. I'll yell till I get hoarse and I am not afraid to get on the crowd," Irak replied.

"In order to do this," Hernandez said, "you have to be creative and relaxed. You can't be afraid but you just have to get out and do it. I like doing this and I would

rather do this than sit and just watch the game."

"I would probably like to do this again," Irak said. "I enjoy doing it and I am looking forward to this basketball season."

"I would like to do this again," Hernandez stated. "I like being around the kids the most. They make the job fun."

'Cats try to stretch Homecoming streak

After all is said and done, the football game may be the highlight of every homecoming.

Since the first Homecoming in 1946, the Bearcats have established a 19-12-1 overall record. This includes last year's 27-12 victory over Central Missouri State.

Going into the game last year the 'Cats had not been in the victory column in four weeks. After starting with a 3-0 record, they dropped three and tied one before the Homecoming encounter with Central.

A steady rain hampered play throughout

the game. The 'Cats fumbled the wet pigskin three times in the first half.

However, on their first possession, they drove 83 yards out. Central came back and scored twice before halftime. As the teams headed for the dressing rooms, the Mules were on top 12-7.

The third quarter was not much better for the 'Cats with only a 36-yard field goal by Shawn Geraghty.

They exploded though in the final period of play with Geraghty adding another field goal early in the quarter to put them on top

13-12. Mark Vansickle put the game out of reach when he picked off a Central pass and returned in 48 yards for a touchdown. Jim Solo added the final clincher when he scored from the two yard line with less than a minute to play.

Geraghty's two field goals and three extra points earned the Don Black Memorial Trophy for the outstanding player in the game.

Black was a running back on the 'Cats 1952 conference champions. He died in 1969.

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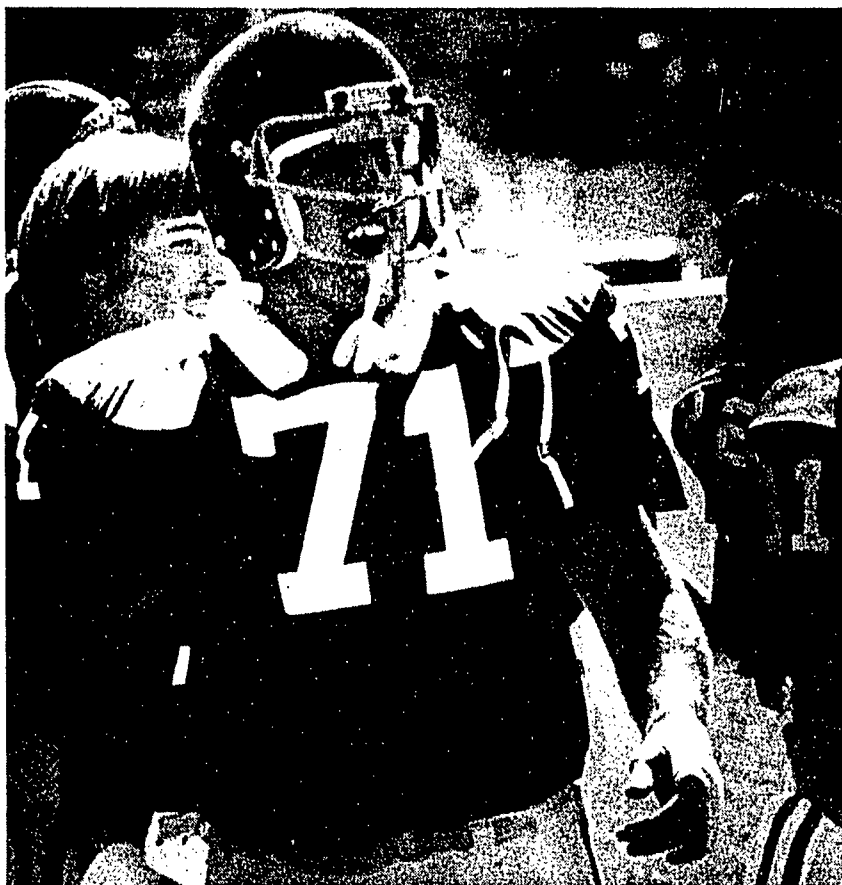
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The football game is the essence of Homecoming. After the weekend has come and gone, it's the game--and the enthusiasm of the players--that remains longest in students' memories.

Despite a 0-5 record, the team still has that enthusiasm, that desire to to the best they can do on the field. Through long hours of practice and a winless season, they should be commended for maintaining that enthusiasm.

If the team can do it, why can't students have this same enthusiasm? Why not stand behind the team and make this weekend more than just a break from classes.

Enthusiasm.

With it, Homecoming can be a celebration.

LETTERS FROM READERS

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to an incident in the post office within the Administration Building. On October 3, my brother went to the Administration Building and bought me a book of stamps. He paid \$2.40 for what he thought was a full book of stamps. He brought them to me and I opened them and there were five stamps missing. My brother returned to the post office where one of the workers called him a liar and accused him of taking the stamps himself. My brother may tell a tale now and then, but he is not a thief. He returned to my room and I took the stamps to the post office. When I recounted what had happened the lady accused me of taking the stamps and also called me a liar. Her pat phrase was, "it's my word against yours." This attitude, to put it mildly, teed me off. The stamps were either

taken at the post office, for my brother and I did not take them, or they miraculously disappeared.

A lot of a student's money and time goes into this University and its about time that we start getting something for our trouble, preferably not more undeserved trouble. I do not like being placed with the one percent that may have taken the stamps out and then tried to get more without paying.

This incident would not have bothered me half as much if the lady had been less abrasive, as I said it gets on my nerves being called a liar, or if she had not assumed that all students are out to rip off the University--they're not. Apparently more business will have to be done outside the college if the students cannot trust the University to give them what they pay for.

Mike Mahoney

THE STROLLER

Ever have one of those days?

Your Stroller seemed to have one every day this past week, but one was particularly bad. If it could have gone against your Hero that day, it would have.

It started that morning when your Campus Carouser decided to attend a class for a change of pace. Getting up in the morning has never been one of your Hero's strong suits and it was particularly weak this morning.

First of all, where in the book does it say everyone in the shower has to be so cheerful? It's hard enough for your Stroller to concentrate on shaving anyway, but with someone cheerfully singing, it's more difficult. Six cuts, four nicks and one loud SHUT UP later, your Stroller was a clean-shaven but scarred young man.

Your Hero made it through shower and dressing OK, but walking to class was his next big downfall. Your Stroller hadn't been out on campus in quite a while and was trotting along minding his own business when all of a sudden...Splat?

Your Hero was stuck in wet cement. Someone had been cementing all of your Stroller's favorite paths on Missouri's Most Beautiful Campus. He finally got out and went on to class.

Class was not a real good time either. Since this was only your Stroller's second appearance, he knew not what to expect. Sure enough, it was major test time. After BSing through four pages of test, your Hero decided all he wanted to do was go back to his small but quaint room and sleep until April.

Trudging back from class, your Hero was thinking nothing else could go wrong. He made it back to his room without incident, and found himself standing in front of his door. As he was about to put the key in the knob, your Stroller's roomie came by.

"By the way, Stroller, our door isn't working. Jiggle the key and it might open."

So your disgruntled campus Hero stuck in his key, started jiggling. The door didn't open and the key broke. After many cuss words and several swift kicks to the door, your Stroller asked his roommate what had happened to it.

"Someone put toothpaste in the knob and clogged it all up," he said.

"Where's Dormitory Five-O when you need them?" snarled your Stroller as he stormed away to a local drinking establishment to drown his sorrows. P.S. Your Stroller has not been called to trial yet for his major crime against society, but when he does, you will get the whole story.

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